

# THE NINETEEN MEASURES TO BE VOTED UPON NEXT MONDAY

Pamphlet Issued by the Secretary of State to all Registered Voters Explains these Measures—Study them and Discharge Aright your Prerogative as a Voter.

For an amendment of Section 23 (evidently intended to be Section 29) of Article IV of the Constitution, changing the compensation of members of the Legislature to \$400 for each regular session and \$10 per day for each extra session instead of \$3 per day and mileage. (Section 23 provides the time when laws take effect, and the proposed amendment is, therefore, wrongly numbered.) **Vote YES or NO.**

For an amendment of Section 3 of Article XIV of the Constitution, to permit the location of State institutions elsewhere than at the seat of government by act of the Legislature and vote of the people. **Vote YES or NO.**

An amendment to Article VII of the Constitution by increasing the number of judges of the Supreme Court from three to five, until otherwise provided by law, and authorizing the Legislative Assembly provided by appropriate legislation for the exercise of the circuit courts, of the probate jurisdiction theretofore exercised by the county courts, and for the transaction of county business by and before some appropriate body or tribunal. **Vote YES or NO.**

For amendment of Section 14 of Article II of the Constitution, changing the time of holding the regular general biennial elections from the first Monday in June to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. **Vote YES or NO.**

An act providing that in all counties the sheriff shall have the custody of prisoners committed to or confined in the county jail and such prisoners shall be worked at such places and for such time and in such manner as the county court may direct, and that, in counties of over one hundred thousand inhabitants, the salaries of guards and jailers shall not exceed \$90.00 per month, and the price of meals furnished prisoners shall be 12½c each. **Vote YES or NO.**

For an act requiring railroads and other common carriers to grant free transportation to State officers and county judges and sheriffs, as a condition precedent to acquiring land for corporate purposes by the exercise of eminent domain, and to prohibit the payment of mileage for such free transportation. **Vote YES or NO.**

An act to appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars annually for four years, to be used in the purchasing grounds and building armories for the use of the Oregon National Guard, the money to be expended under the supervision of the State Military Board at any time during the four years, the board not being required to use each appropriation the year it is appropriated. The Oregon National Guard is required to pay to the State Treasurer such rental, for the use of said armories, as may be fixed by the State Military Board. **Vote YES or NO.**

An act to amend Section 3529 of Bellinger and Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon by increasing the annual appropriation for the support and maintenance of the University of Oregon. **Vote YES or NO.**

For equal suffrage constitutional amendment, permitting women to vote on equal terms with men. **Vote YES or NO.**

For an act prohibiting fishing for salmon or sturgeon on Sunday from January first to October first, also in the Columbia River only from October first to December thirty-first, also in the navigable channels of Columbia River at night, also at any time in Sandy River and in Columbia River west of west line of range nine west, near Astoria, and east of west line of range sixteen east, near Celilo, and limiting seines anywhere in the State to one hundred and fifty fathoms long and four and one-sixth fathoms deep, and providing penalties. **Vote YES or NO.**

For constitutional amendment, giving additional and exclusive power to cities and towns, within their corporate limits, to license, regulate, control, and tax, or to suppress or prohibit theaters, race-tracks, poolrooms, bowling alleys, billiard halls, and the sale of liquors, subject to the provisions of the local option law of the State of Oregon. **Vote YES or NO.**

For constitutional amendment providing that all dwellings, houses, barns, sheds, out houses, and all other appurtenances thereto; all machinery and buildings used exclusively for manufacturing purposes and appurtenances thereto; all fences, farm machinery, and appliances used as such; all fruit trees, vines, shrubs, and all other improvements on farms; all live stock; all household furniture in use; and all tools owned by workmen and in use, shall be exempt from taxation in addition to exemptions now authorized by the Constitution. **Vote YES or NO.**

For an amendment to Article II of the Constitution, giving the voters power to call a special election at any time to discharge any public officer and elect his successor. **Vote YES or NO.**

A bill for a law instructing members of the Legislature to vote for and elect the candidates for United States Senator who receive the highest number of votes at the general election. **Vote YES or NO.**

For constitutional amendment giving the people power to make laws for election of public officers by majority vote instead of pluralities; to provide that political parties and voters' organizations shall be proportionately represented in all offices filled by the election of two or more persons, and that a voter shall vote for only one person for any office, and may indicate his second, third, etc., choice; and to provide for a simple method of precinct residence and registration. **Vote YES or NO.**

A bill for a law to limit the amount of money candidates and other persons may contribute or spend in election campaigns; declaring what shall constitute corrupting use of money and undue influence in elections and punishing the same; prohibiting attempts on election day to persuade any voter to vote for or against any candidate or candidates, or any measure submitted to the people; to protect the purity of the ballot; furnishing information to voters concerning candidates and parties, partly at public expense, and providing for the manner of conducting election contests. **Vote YES or NO.**

For an act prohibiting, after August 25th, 1908, fishing for salmon or sturgeon at any time, by any means, except hook and line, in the Sandy River or any of its tributaries, or in the Columbia River or any of its tributaries, at any place up stream from its confluence with the Sandy River, or with hook and line during the spawning season. **Vote YES or NO.**

For constitutional amendment providing for the choosing of jurors and grand jurors, and that no person can be charged in the Circuit Courts with the commission of a crime or a misdemeanor except upon indictment found by a grand jury, except when a court holds an indictment to be defective, the District Attorney may file an amended indictment. **Vote YES or NO.**

A bill for an act to create the County of Hood River out of the western portion of Wasco County; providing for its organization and fixing the salaries of the officers thereof. **Vote YES or NO.**

## J. E. Burdett Answers.

To the voters of the 11th judicial district and especially to those who were present at the meeting held by the "Big Four" aided by their eloquent speaker and assistant R. R. Butler:

I wish to state that in summing up the character of the campaign that has just been conducted against me, you will note that my character as a man has not been assailed, but it is insisted that I am not a fit man owing to my lack of ability and experience as an attorney to fill the office of district attorney of this district, and to prove those allegations the speaker produced what he termed "documentary proof," said proof was in the form of a complaint wherein the Arlington National Bank was plaintiff and William and Maggie Brown defendants, after flaunting said complaint before his audience and pointing to you the mistake that I had made in drafting the caption of said complaint, to wit: that said bank was incorporated under the state laws of the state instead of the national banking laws as it should have been, made the assertion that, that was the limit of my legal knowledge.

It is a fact that this clerical error was made by me in drafting the said complaint, it is also a fact that Messrs. Bowerman and Butler who happened to be the attorneys for the defendants in the above mentioned suit filed a demurrer to my complaint and at the following term of court on their own motion asked that their said demurrer be overruled and did not raise the question as to this great mistake that they now raise such a howl about, the records of the court will further show that I, on my own motion, asked to have my complaint amended as to this fact and the Court granted me the motion.

I consider said assertion and insinuation an insult to the intelligence of the speakers' hearers for who of you did not know that there are state banks incorporated under the state laws and national banks incorporated under national banking laws and that this was purely a clerical error, had this been my first case I would of in all probability copied the caption of this complaint from some regular form instead of writing it off hand as I did and by so doing avoided this mistake.

This suit involved over \$10,000.00 and my clients have not lost faith in my ability to handle their suit for them and I feel very confident of winning the same for them when it is finally tried out in the courts.

Now if this was as great an error as they allege it to be, why did they not take advantage of it at the proper time in the court?

I am not going to say that they (Bowerman & Butler) did not know any better but I do say that they did not consider it material or that they over looked it and if the latter they are as guilty as I am if any guilt there be.

I hold my opponent responsible for sitting by and allowing his spokesman to use such contemptible tricks as the above in his efforts to secure votes at the election June 1st.

As to my qualifications as an attorney, I wish to say that after finishing the public schools I attended McMinnville College three years, then went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, and attended the state university at that place, graduating from the law department of that school in the year of 1903 and have been engaged in actual practice ever since said time.

I being raised on a farm and my father being in limited circumstances, was compelled to make my own way in each of these schools. I am, however, not ashamed of this fact nor of the grades I made while attending each school.

If I am elected to the office of district attorney I will equip myself and my office with efficient assistants to take care of the business of that office with credit to myself and to the people of this district.

I further state that I will fairly and impartially perform the duties of that office, treating all men, whether they be rich or poor, alike.

I do not write this letter with any unkindness or malice toward my opponent, Mr. Collier, but as a defense to the unfair and underhanded means that have been attempted to be used against me in this campaign and in order that the people might learn the facts in the case.

I feel as though if I cannot win out in this election on my merits as a man I do not care for the office for I would feel as though I owed too much to certain leaders of the republican party and would not be as free to co-operate with the people and could not carry out their wishes as I expect to. I however feel that if I am elected on my present platform and on my individuality as a man and as an attorney, I have nothing but the wishes of the people to obey and none but the people themselves to thank for my office, and I promise to carry out their wishes.

Hoping to secure your suffrage and further promising you a good clean and fair administration of the laws if elected, I beg to remain, Very truly yours, JAMES E. BURDETT.

Self-Explanatory Letter. Mayville, Ore., May 23, 1908

Editor Condon Globe:

My opponents are asserting in their public speeches throughout the Eighteenth Senatorial District, consisting of Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties, that I reside in the Willamette Valley.

The facts are, that I have lived in Gilliam county for twenty-four years continuously.

When my eldest son arrived at the proper age to attend college I decided that the Oregon Agricultural College was the proper school for farmer boys. He was sent there and graduated in due time, as also did my second son.

Later wishing to give my daughter the same opportunities we sent her to the college, she boarding at a relative. Later this relative moving away from Corvallis, my wife went to Corvallis to look after our daughter, who will graduate next year, when both wife and daughter will return to the farm which I have owned and lived upon for the last twenty-four years. During the periods between terms they have been at home on the farm.

W. J. EDWARDS.

## Hood River County.

This bill is submitted under the initiative for the following, among other reasons:

A county is a public corporation and it is apparent that section 2 of article XI, of the constitution of Oregon, as amended, reserves to the people the right to create a county by initiative vote.

There is no general law for the creation of counties now, and no one knows when, if ever, there will be one. The facts as to area population and assessed valuation show that we are able to maintain a county government.

Out of a population of about 7,500 the desire of a county for the Hood River country is earnest and unanimous with the exception of a small fraction of one per cent. We are assured by leading citizens of The Dalles Dufur and other portions of Wasco county that they have no objections to the creation of Hood River County as proposed in this bill. More than 400 residents of The Dalles and Dufur have signed the petitions asking that this bill be submitted to a vote at the June election, though forty-five names from Dufur were received too late to be filed with the Secretary of State.

The people of the Hood River country therefore ask favorable consideration of the voters of the state upon this bill for these, among other, reasons: Because the new county will be a great benefit to the people residing therein and will facilitate the transaction of their county business. Because as the law stands a county cannot be created by the legislature; and finally, Because the people of The Dalles and the balance of Wasco County are willing that Hood River County may be created as provided in this bill.

The assessed valuation in the proposed Hood River County in 1903 was \$908,568.00; in 1906 was \$1,618,670, showing a gain in valuation from 1903 to 1906 of \$710,102.00 or about 78 per cent. The valuation in 1907 was \$2,762,250.00; a gain over 1906 of \$1,143,580.00 or about 70 per cent, showing the proportionate increase in one year from 1906 to 1907 to be almost as great as that in three years from 1903 to 1906.

The proposed Hood River County has a population of about 7,500; an area of about 500 square miles; and twenty school houses, seven of which are graded schools having from two to eight rooms each and with a \$30,000.00 high school under construction.

There will be left in Wasco County after Hood River County is created, an area of 1,646 square miles, a population 11,500, and a valuation of \$5,457,720.00 thus leaving it among the largest and strongest counties in the state.

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THE DALLES BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Dalles, Oregon, May 15, 1908. To the President and Directors Hood River Commercial Club, Hood River, Oregon:

Gentlemen—Your communication of 6th inst. regarding the initiative in the matter of Hood River county, was read at the meeting of our board last evening and I was instructed to convey to you the greetings of this board, and to assure you that your plan for cutting off the new county would have the full support of this body, and we wish you every success. Very Respy. J. M. PATTERSON, secretary.

VOTE THUS:

336 | X | YES

## To Republican Voters.

An overwhelming majority of Oregon's voters by registration have formally declared that they believe in the principles of the Republican party. Let them now show that they are honest by voting in accordance with their declarations. The Oregon election come before the Republican National Convention. Let every republican voter in this district uphold the honor of the Republican party in Oregon and strengthen the influence of Oregon's delegation in the National Convention by voting for H. M. Calk and W. R. Ellis. If either of these nominees fail for election the primary election system will be discredited and a return of boss rule will be invited. The good name of Oregon's voters will be smirched and Oregon's delegation to the National Convention will be placed in a humiliating position. For the effect it will have on the November election it is imperative that the Republican nominees in the June election shall be elected by an overwhelming majority. As a believer in the principles of the Republican party it is your duty to be at the polls on June 1st, and vote for Calk and Ellis.

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